GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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HOSTELS FOR SC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to chalk out any effective plan to provide sufficient hostels in the educational institutions to the students of SC categories;

(b) whether the Union Government has received any requests or suggestions from honourable Members of Parliament from other social organizations in this regard till today;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)
(a) No Sir. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of assisting construction of Hostels for Scheduled Caste students under which hostel facilities are provided by the State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, Universities etc. to SC boys and girls studying in middle school, higher secondary school, colleges and universities. While the State Governments, UT Administrations, Universities are given assistance for construction of new hostels as well as expansion of the existing facilities, the Central assistance under the scheme to the NON-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) is admissible only for expansion of the existing hostels buildings. The financial assistance to the State Government is provided on 50:50 basis while the Union Territory Administration are given 100% assistance. The Universities and NGOs are given 45% central assistance under the scheme. However, the plans for providing hostel facilities are prepared by the respective State Governments, UT Administrations Universities etc.

(b) No Sir. This Ministry has not received any such proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.